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## e-Mail Allegations Spur Policy Study

BY KATHARINE STOLTZFUS

UNO administrators say allegations that Computing and Data Communications (CDC) may have violated students' privacy rights are being taken seriously, but no decision has been made on whether to launch an investigation.

Several CDC employees have accused department administrators of reading students' electronic mail

the privacy rights of students.

"Certainly people have the right to expect that their e-mail should be private and that it's not routinely invaded," Cartier said, adding that there may be times when university administration would feel compelled to examine e-mail, such as in aiding with a criminal investigation.

"But I would view that as unusual and extreme," he said.

Richard Snowden, CDC direc-

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Legal Services Counsel

without their knowledge or consent.

"It depends," said Richard Hoover, vice chancellor of educational and student services, when asked whether the university plans to look into the matter. "I will be meeting with Mr. (Richard) Snowden to discuss this and find out the details."

Hoover said he also planned to speak with UNO Chancellor Del Weber and to raise the issue with representatives from the Kearney and Lincoln campuses at Thursday's Council of Chief Student Affairs Officers. He said the issue was relevant to computer networks on all three campuses.

"I think it's a legitimate question, and it should be discussed," he said.

Lou Cartier, director of university relations, said it has always been university policy to respect

tor, and Lloyd Hasche, assistant director of academic computing, admitted Monday that members of the department have read student e-mail in the past.

Both maintained that mail was read only in cases where Campus Security, local law enforcement or the office of educational and student services requested they do so. However, officials at both the Omaha Police Department and Campus Security said they could not recall any incidents in which they had requested e-mail documentation from CDC.

Hoover said he "faintly remembers" requesting this type of information on at least one occasion, "but without going through my files, I can honestly say that I don't remember any incidents in the last year."

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## Ask the NU President

University of Nebraska President L. Dennis Smith has requested an interview with the *Gateway* editorial staff.

If you have any questions for Smith, write them on a sheet of paper labeled "Questions for the NU President," and drop it off at the *Gateway* offices in Annex 26. The deadline is April 10.

If you want to mail in your questions, address them to:

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All questions must be titled "Questions for the NU President." Any questions without this heading will not be considered for use.

The *Gateway* cannot guarantee that your questions will be used during the interview session, but the *Gateway* will ask as many of your questions as time allows.

Smith's answers will be printed in the *Gateway*.



—Ed Carlson

## ABC Breakfast

NBC news correspondent, Irving R. Levine, addressed "Economic Crisis and the Current Administration" during Tuesday morning's Academy, Business and Community Breakfast at the Holiday Convention Centre.

## Forum Focuses on Jewish, Christian Holiday Season

By SUSAN McELLIGOTT

As winter gives way to a season of growth, Jews and Christians enter a period of spiritual spring cleaning and regeneration.

At a Christian forum on Wednesday, Rabbi Richard Freund, of the UNO religion and philosophy department, spoke about the Jewish tradition of Passover, and the Rev. Jim Cavener spoke of the Christian traditions of Lent and Easter.

There are many similarities between the Passover and Easter season traditions because, Freund said, origins of Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism are both rooted in the first century of the Christian era.

Jews spend a month before Passover in introspection, Freund said, resolving any personal or interpersonal problems, as well as the slow elimination of any food which contains leavening agents from their diets.

Christians prepare for Easter through the Lenten season, also a time of introspection, Cavener said, which begins 40 days before Easter on Ash Wednesday.

"Lent is a sanctifying of time, the springtime of faith," Cavener said.

Both Passover and Easter are commemorative holidays, celebrating events important in their respective religious histories.

Freund said Passover was originally an agricultural celebration which came to be symbolic of the days preceding the exodus of the Jews out of Egypt, led by Moses.

Passion Week is a celebration in commemoration of Jesus' last supper, death and resurrection, said Cavener.

Passover occurs from the 14th to the 21st day of the first month of the Jewish ecclesiastical calendar, Freund said. According to the Bible, this time was when God sent the

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Angel of Death to kill the first-born in all of the households in Egypt. The homes of Jews who had sacrificed a lamb and smeared its blood over their doorways were passed over by the angel.

While it is no longer customary to sacrifice a lamb, Jews eat lamb as well as unleavened bread on the first two nights of Passover. These meals are known as seders, Freund said, and it is customary to read scripture at the seder.

Unleavened bread is eaten at the seder and throughout Passover, he said, in memory of the Jews' hasty

preparations for their flight from Egypt. Jews also purify their diets of leaven at this time because leaven was traditionally thought to be unclean, Freund said.

Passover and Passion Week began on March 27 this year. Passion Week, Cavener said, begins with Christ's entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and ends with his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Christians trace Christ's steps through Jerusalem in scripture, especially the Triduum, from sundown Thursday until sundown Saturday, Cavener said.

Church services on Thursday mark Christ's last supper, when he celebrated the seder with his apostles, Cavener said, and Friday services commemorate Christ's crucifixion and death.

Saturday is a day of vigilance and faith, he said, in which Christians look forward to Christ's resurrection.

The resurrection is celebrated on Sunday, he said.

Because Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism virtually grew up together, they share many customs, Freund and Cavener said.

Both speakers encouraged students to visit the first century artifacts display in the Main Gallery of the Fine Arts Building. They said that experiencing the display adds dimension to this sacred week for

# Leader's Words Test Relations

By JODI BOOKE

Two faces. Two cultures. Both have suffered oppression. Both know the pain of discrimination. Yet in Louis Farrakhan's eyes, one is superior and the other must pay reparations.

Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, has become the center of controversy for his anti-white, anti-gay and lesbian, anti-feminist, anti-Catholic and anti-Semitic views. His remarks against Jews have earned him the title, "The New Black Hitler."

Farrakhan spoke about the Nation of Islam's opinions of Jews at a Feb. 19 speech in Baltimore.

"Our lessons talk about the bloodsuckers of the poor in the supreme wisdom of the Nation of Islam. It's that old no-good Jew, that old imposter Jew, that old hooked-nose, bagel-eating, lox-eating, Johnny-come-lately perpetrating a fraud, ... so-called damn Jew ... And I feel everything I'm saying up here is Kosher."

Marty Schwartz, a UNO senior and student facilitator of an unofficial Jewish student organization feels, "Farrakhan is a hatemonger. He does a lot of positive things. The whole Black Muslim Movement is about restoring self-esteem and motivating blacks, but the way he's going about it is scapegoating."

According to George Garrison, a black studies professor, "Jews and blacks have fallen on rocky ground in recent times aside from Farrakhan's comments.

"In the late '60s and early '70s the rift surfaced as affirmative action and quotas came about to pay reparations to blacks. Many Jews

opposed these systems."

Schwartz said the reason Jews opposed the quota system was because it was created to limit the number of Jews in academic institutions.

"Traditionally, there were a greater number of Jews than the general population in academic institutions. That system limited the number of Jews who could be there," Schwartz said.

Farrakhan has repeatedly said the black holocaust, referring to slavery, was a hundred times worse than the holocaust of the Jews.

At a Feb. 26 speech in Chicago, Farrakhan said, "The Honorable Elijah Muhammad

The truth is that tens of millions of black people were actually killed during that 300-year period of slavery.

"You have 6 million people killed on the one hand, most of them were Jews. Tens of millions of people were killed on the other hand."

Garrison added, "Those are historical tragedies that the world should take steps to make sure never happens again."

Farrakhan also has said he believes Jews control blacks and condemns the blacks who let them do so.

During Baltimore speech, Farrakhan said, "Some black leaders are boot-licking, butt-licking, buck-dancing, bamboozled, half-baked, half-fried, sissified, honkified, pasteurized, homogenized niggers who keep trying to lead you back into the arms of the white man."

He added, "I don't tell my baby about no Crispus Atticus, who was the first to die in the American Revolution. That nigger shoulda died ... Copped a bullet for the peckerwood."

According to Garrison, "The people (black leaders) Farrakhan had in mind were basically integrationists and gradualists and who accept these maternalistic relationships between themselves and whites."

Ironically, a strong supporter of Farrakhan is Tom Metzger of the California-based White Aryan Resistance. Metzger is also a former Grand Dragon of the California Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

"That's because Farrakhan's a separatist," Schwartz said, "He wants blacks and whites to be completely separate from each other and

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UNO Student

(founder of the Nation of Islam) said for every 1,000 years of the white race's existence on earth, 100 million of the original people have been put to death. So in 6,000 years, you have murdered 600 million black people."

Farrakhan made an appearance on the Feb. 25 "Arsenio Hall Show" in which he said, "We can't let Arabs off the hook; they made a profit from slavery. We can't let gentile Europeans off the hook, but neither can we let Jews off the hook, who held our fathers as slaves."

He added, "Every one that had a part in our destruction will have a part in paying reparations."

Garrison elaborated on Farrakhan's ideology.

"I think most Americans have images that the blacks were captured and brought back to shore successfully and placed into slavery.

## NEWS BITS

### Accounting Clerk Is Employee of the Month

Kim Bret, an accounting clerk in cashiering, is the April employee of the month.

As employee of the month, she will receive a gift certificate, pin, portrait and use of a designated parking space.

She also will be recognized at the April Board of Regents meeting.

### Kountze Offering Trip To Far Away Galaxy

The UNO Kountze Planetarium is offering a journey into the far reaches of space beginning April 9 with ORION RENDEVOUS: A STAR TREK® Voyage of Discovery.

The indoor multimedia show will tour the constellations, exploding stars and other cosmic bodies and events. The show will feature the voice of LeVar Burton, who plays Lt. Commander Geordi LaForge in the Paramount Pictures' television series, STAR TREK®: THE NEXT GENERATION™.

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### Med Center Is Among Top 15 Medical Schools

U.S. News and World Report magazine recently ranked the University of Nebraska Medical Center's College of Medicine in the country's top 15 comprehensive medical schools.

The report divided the country's 126 medical schools into research schools and comprehensive schools, which train physicians. The Med Center's College of Medicine was categorized in the comprehensive group with 66 other schools.

Reviewers used factors such as academic reputation, residency program reputation and student's average grades on the Medical College Application Test (MCAT) to determine a school's rank.

### Videoconference Will Focus on Leadership

Local women business leaders will join author Patricia Aburdene for the "Megatrends for Women Videoconference," Tuesday April 19 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center.

Aburdene is the co-author of the book, "Megatrends for Women," which explores how women's leadership styles will impact business in the future.

For more information or to register, call UNO's College of Continuing Studies at 595-2308.

### The Easter Bunny Is Hopping to Elmwood

The Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and Chi Omega sorority are sponsoring an Easter egg hunt on Saturday at 11 a.m. in the pavilion area of Elmwood Park.

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Mike Godwin, legal services counsel for the Electronic Freedom Foundation, a Washington, D.C. based group dedicated to computer users' rights, said that under federal law, the university does not have the authority to access and read students' e-mail, even if harassment or other misconduct is suspected.

Godwin said he feels that up until the mid-1980s when federal laws protecting user privacy were enacted, computer sys-

tems operators enjoyed a great deal of autonomy as far as setting policy. Many administrators still operate under the assumption that they are free to create their own policies on privacy, he said.

"But it's not legal. I think it will take some of them getting arrested or sued to change the attitude," he said.

Dale Comer of the U.S. Attorney General's office in Lincoln said he was not familiar with the laws governing computer privacy, but gave this advice:

"I think you have to assume there's always a possibility that your e-mail might get read. If you don't want something to be read, to be safe I'd suggest not sending it by e-mail."

Hoover said he planned to ask legal counsel for advice on UNO's current policies.

"I very much believe in protecting the rights and privacy of individuals," Hoover said. "If I was told it was not legal, we would stop."

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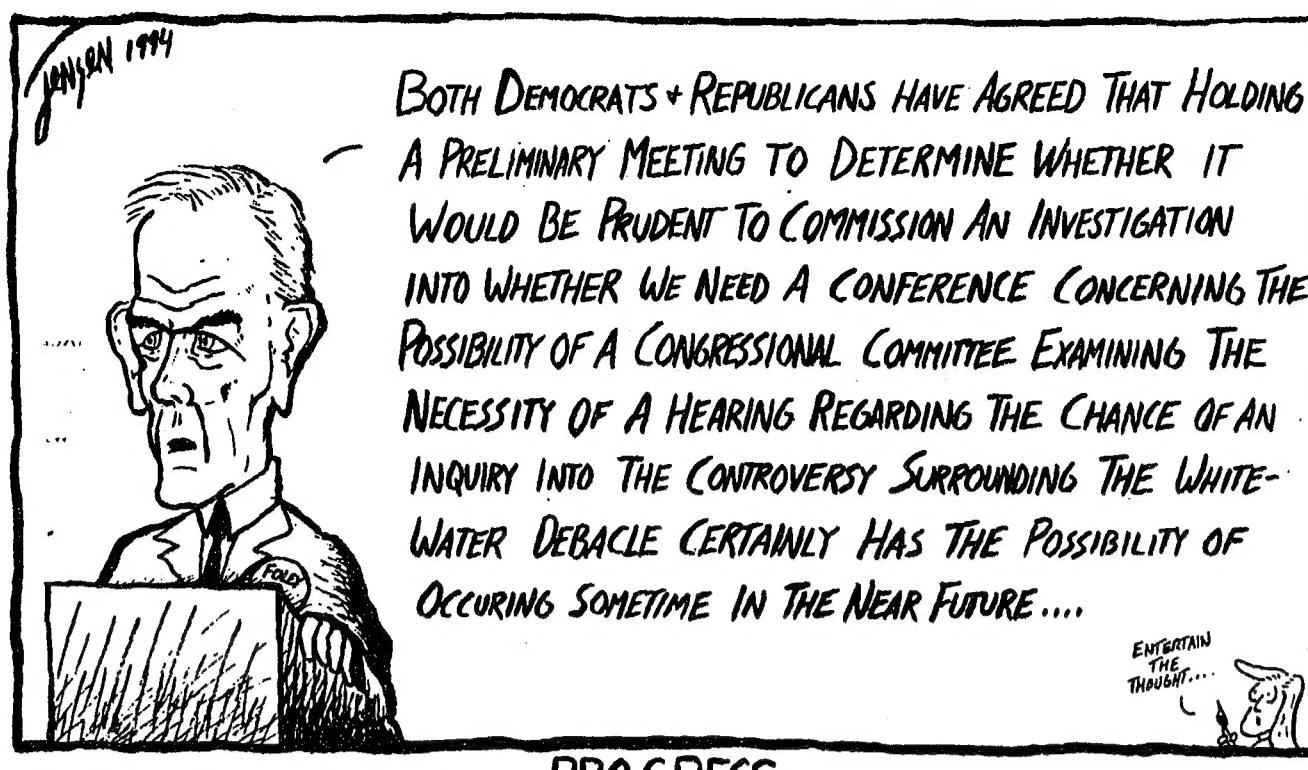
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## Ritual Reminiscent Of Sex Abuse in U.S.

Eunice DeShields and Lydia Oluloro, who are in the United States illegally, are facing deportation to their native Nigeria. Both women are seeking asylum in the U.S. claiming that if they are sent back to Nigeria, their daughters, who are U.S. citizens, will have to undergo FEMALE CIRCUMCISIONS.

If you have never heard of this heinous ritual, one word of warning, if you are squeamish in any way, read this on an empty stomach.

In the procedure, the external female sexual organs are cut away with no anesthesia, and the opening of the vagina is sewn shut, except for a pencil-sized hole for urination. The ritual is intended to make sure girls remain virgins until they marry.

It is not uncommon for girls to die from complications. Other problems include infertility, bleeding, urinary infections and menstrual difficulties.

Female circumcision also increases the risk of stillborn birth by three or four times, according to the World Health Organization.

So, if all this information is correct, why is this ritual performed? Because, to certain cultures in Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia, it is a revered rite of passage. Women who are not circumcised are considered less desirable or called prostitutes. Also, in many of these countries, a virgin brings a higher bride price or dowry.

That's right folks, a woman is worth more if she is a tamper-free package. After all, these women are not human beings, they are a commodity, a brood mare, cook, slave, all for the price of one.

How can this barbaric practice still be allowed in today's society? Easy, we are talking not only about people of a different country, but also an entirely different society.

We also are discussing an issue of women's rights in a male dominated world. The women of these countries happen to

be guilty of three crimes: they are poor, they are women and they are not white.

It must be some consolation for these women to know they hit the TRIFECTA.

These same societies try to keep their women illiterate. What I always say is, "Give a woman sexual organs and an education and she can take over the world."

Luckily in America, we have laws protecting women's rights, (ha) that's why a judge dropped the deportation proceedings against Oluloro.

Oluloro's elation may not last long. In the U.S., we don't have ritual sexual mutilation, but abuse of women does exist. This is evident by the number of women's shelters, hotlines and other support groups.

Animosity towards women is not necessarily a Nigerian thing. It can also be covert.

Some recent reports by so-called experts have concluded that the root of the moral decay in America is single motherhood. Single women get pregnant all by themselves now, don't they?

Does anyone, other than myself, see a distinct correlation between Nigerian culture and American culture that links women, power, sexuality and evil in one category?

No wonder there has been no enormous cry of outrage over the ritual of female circumcision. Every society, be it so-called civilized or backward, understands the unwritten law here. They know who can be victimized with little or no notice.

When experts in our own country basically tell people that women are responsible for society's downfall, I, being a person of the female gender, get a just a little defensive. I guess the fact that our country was founded by men and is run almost exclusively by men, should be discounted.

A famous women once said, "I would like to state for the record that the first chance man had, Adam blamed it on the Eve..."

**Liz Kelley**  
**COLUMNIST**

## Criminals Need More Than Rest in Prison

In Iowa, a man convicted of sexually abusing a 9-year-old Council Bluffs girl and sentenced to 10 years in prison, was recently released after serving barely four years. Although Rudy Hickman originally was charged with second-degree sexual abuse, he plea bargained the charge to a third-degree.

Iowa law grants prisoners one day of sentence reduction for every day of "good time" served in prison. Studies show the average stay in prison for people convicted of third-degree sexual abuse is only about three years.

In other words, a person can commit a crime and be allowed to escape the full consequences of his actions and return to society.

Perhaps the most dangerous aspect of this scenario is that while some offenders serve their time and learn their lesson, a majority of them are prematurely released and return to society repeat their crime. Studies have shown that first-time offenders of crimes such as rape, assault, burglary and even murder do not make miraculous turnarounds while imprisoned and, after released, become repeat offenders.

When this type of cycle continues, we must examine closely our current system and see what is going wrong. Has it become the goal of our system to process prisoners and release them within a shorter amount of time rather than reform them and force them to realize the crimes they have committed are wrong?

What our current penal system has become is a resting ground between crimes for offenders to relax, be exposed to more criminal tactics and to be released only to harm again.

For a person to have committed a violent crime and be released without adequate mental evaluations and aid, it is not only a disservice to the community, but to the prisoner. It should be the first — not the second or third — offense that gives attention to a person with a problem. The focus should be on helping this person, not counting their "good days" and releasing them as soon as possible to move the next one in.

Prisoners are not cattle. They are more

than numbers that need to be shuffled around and released as soon as possible. In order to do justice to both the offender and the society he will someday return to, no prisoner should be released without having received some sort of evaluation and mental reform.

This, unfortunately, means the costs of maintaining and improving prisons inevitably will increase. Longer prison stays and more medical and psychological assistance will increase costs.

However, you can't put a price on all things. When the safety and well-being of society is at stake, there should be an increased effort to mandate change. Just imagine your mother, father, siblings, grandparents, spouse or children in a dangerous position and ask yourself how much their safety and well-being means.

Tremendous increases in spending is not what is needed to change the current situation. There also must be a realization that our penal system has become a facade and is not working.

People are put into and released from our prisons every day. However, the number leaving even minimally reformed is far lower than should be accepted.

There should be no second or third chances. If a person has murdered another human being, there is no reason to wait for the second and third lives to be taken before doing something. Many times, as the legal process goes on and various issues are brought up, there always seems to be one important aspect that is forgotten. Yes, this offender deserves his Constitutionally granted freedoms, but another innocent person has been violated, hurt or even killed through an act that never should have occurred.

Although current crime rates may seem high, it is important to realize that they only will get worse if things don't start to change now. If someone is not afraid of the consequences of their actions, he will break the law again and again and again...

Before our country becomes a war zone and is no longer safe for people to walk the streets alone in broad daylight, we must demand and implement change, for we may never know who the next victim might be.

**Marylynne**  
**Ziemba**  
**COLUMNIST**

# Behavior Has Purpose

By KATHLEEN PEEK

Whether you're a parent or someone who deals with children, you've probably felt like you're battling Attila the Hun when confronting a child who is misbehaving.

Ways to deal with children was the topic of "Developing Parenting Skills" in the Student Center Tuesday.

Cathy Pettid, a graduate assistant in the Counseling Center, offered ideas on ways for parents to deal more effectively with children.

"All behavior is for a purpose," Pettid said, "and that purpose is a social purpose."

"We all have a feeling of wanting to belong," she continued. "And our behavior is directed towards trying to feel like we belong in our environment."

Pettid went on to say that early childhood is a time when children develop their sense of "social belonging."

Children develop their behaviors in either cooperative or uncooperative, or good or bad behaviors, Pettid said.

Suppose your 3-year-old asks if he can help with the dishes. If you allow the child to help by washing off the table, the child will learn to feel good about helping out and feeling like he belongs.

If you tell the child to go in the other room and play, he may react in a negative way, such as coloring on the walls.

"Using cooperative or uncooperative behavior got the same goal," Pettid said.

"The worst thing for a kid to feel, is to feel neglected and ignored," she said. "They would rather have negative attention than no attention at all."

Pettid described three different "goals of misbehavior" that toddlers exhibit. They misbehave to get attention, assert power or to get revenge.

It is important for parents to understand why a child misbehaves and how to deal with

the behavior, Pettid said. She cautioned that all behaviors parents consider to be "bad," are not always bad behaviors.

"Children act up sometimes because they're cranky, they're tired, they don't feel well, they're bored," she said.

"Sometimes what we might label as bad behavior is merely because we have unrealistic expectations."

Because of this, Pettid feels that parents and other caregivers need to understand the basic stages of development for children.

"It is essential that we all know what can basically be expected of a child at a given age," Pettid said.

Parents don't always understand why their children behave the way that they do. They may wonder why their 2-year-old won't share his toys, according to Pettid.

"Two-year-olds are very egocentric," she said. "Two-year-olds are interested in the world as it relates to 'me' and 'me' only."

Pettid also stressed that kids just make mistakes sometimes.

"To label mistakes as bad behaviors is really an injustice," she said.

Another problem in dealing with children is that parents tend to parent their kids the way they were parented. But parents can change their ways of dealing with their children when they are aware of how they are reacting and try to change them, Pettid said.

"This is a tough culture for our kids to grow up in," Pettid said. "It's scary being a parent in the 1990s."

Even with this in mind, Pettid offered hope for parents.

Anyone interested in learning more about effective parenting skills can contact Pettid in the Counseling Center in Eppley Administration 115.

"Developing Parenting Skills" was part of the Brown Bag Lunch Series sponsored by Project Achieve.

# Clinic to Aid Communication

By KARMA J.C. CAMPHOR

A look at UNO students and the needs of the Omaha community inspired UNO's Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic to develop an intense program for those with communication difficulties.

Colleen Brown, the clinic's coordinator, said UNO students work with members of the community who have communication difficulties. The students write evaluations and offer individualized therapy to people who have problems ranging from articulation to stuttering and the results of strokes.

Brown said there are many types of communication difficulties and it is im-

portant for students to learn how to evaluate and identify specific problems to treat them correctly.

UNO students involved with the Speech, Language and Pathology program are not usually exposed to communication disorders until they are associated with the clinic. She said the state requires one semester of practicum work in therapy before working in a hospital or school, a requirement satisfied by the program.

"The clinic offers fewer clients with tremendous supervision," Brown said.

Brown said the new program that started last summer, Metropolitan Effort for Communication in Children and Adults

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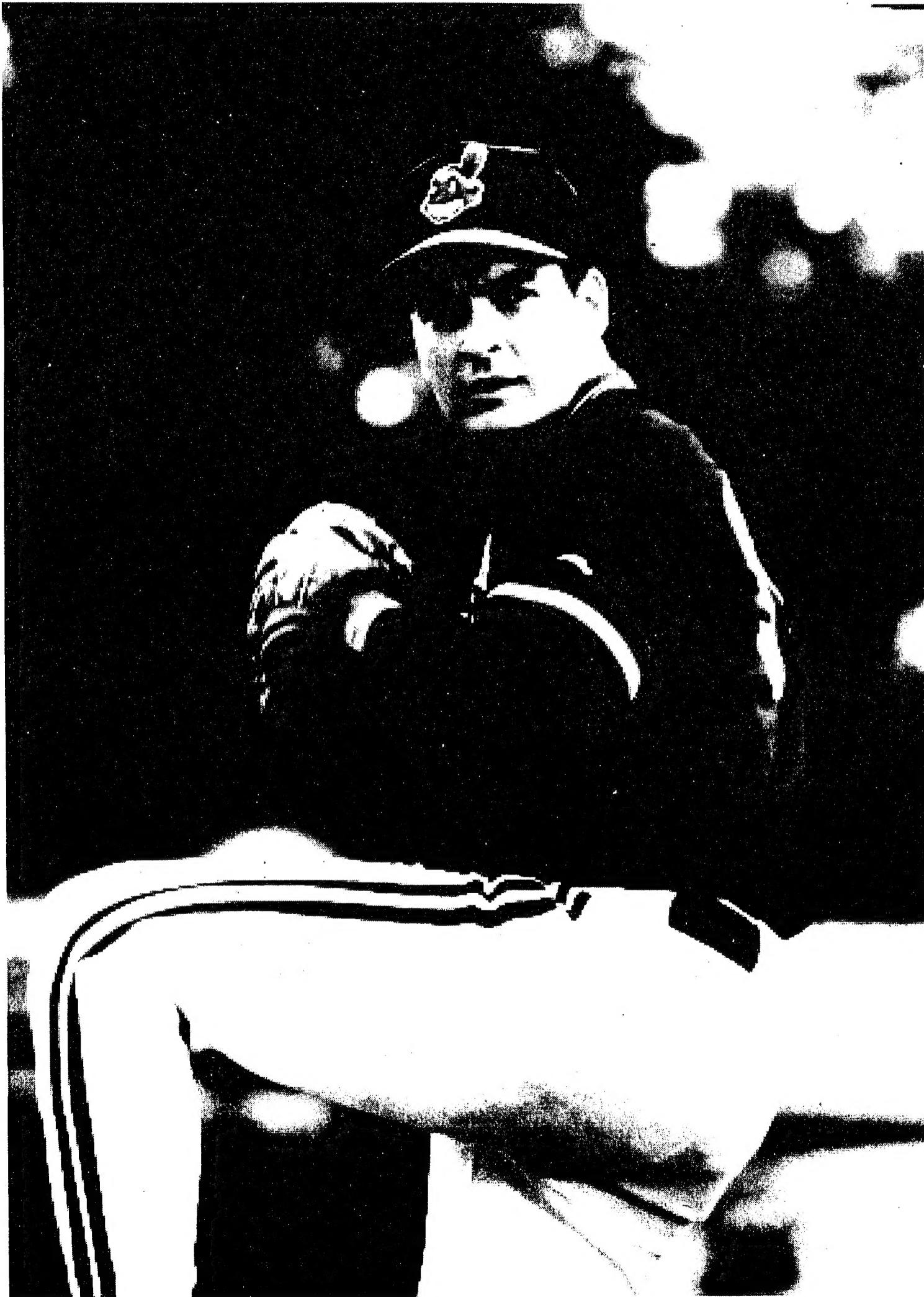


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## Batter Up

Charlie Sheen revives his role as Rick "Wild Thing" Vaughn in "Major League II." Also returning are Tom Berenger, Corbin Bernsen and former major league catcher Bob Uecker. Turn to Page 2X.

# Sheen Dependable in 'Major League' Sequel

A sequel will always make big money. Ask Harrison "Indiana Jones" Ford, Sean "007" Connery and Roger "007" Moore.

Now you can ask Charlie Sheen. Though he didn't survive to see "Young Guns II," he managed to return in "Hot Shots!, Part Deux," and his latest venture, "Major League II." Resurrecting his role of Rick "Wild Thing"



Vaughn, a former convict turned major league pitcher, Sheen does a steady, but not all that amazing job with the role. Once again, he proves his consistent dependability.

Also returning are Tom Berenger, Corbin Bernsen and former major league catcher Bob Ueker. (For those of you who don't follow baseball, Ueker also played 'George' in the television series "Mr. Belvedere." Ueker, however, was behind the plate for the 1964 World Champion St. Louis Cardinals.)

Retiring from the line up is Wesley Snipes. Snipes' character of Willie Mays Hayes is spit shined and sent back to the diamond by young actor Omar Epps. Epps wowed critics and audiences alike with his first at bat in the film "Juice." He hits well into the grandstand with a strong presence and a great deal of confidence in this, only his fourth film role ever.

Berenger reprises the role of Jake Taylor, a not so young catcher who can barely crouch any longer. With Taylor's inability to play, a new trade, in the shape of one Jack Parkman (David Keith) mans the plate with a killer swing and a bad attitude.

The Indians, who were bought by former third baseman Roger Dorn (Bersen) soon find themselves in an ugly mess and end up minus the prize catcher who bats well beyond the wall and plus an outfielder from the Giants.

The Tokyo Giants.

Takaaki Ishibashi steps up for his American role as Tanaka, a kamikaze outfielder who'll do anything to win. Ishibashi is, at the age of 32, one of Japan's biggest stars reaching radio, television, music and screen fans alike. Tanaka's arrival starts something bigger than he could have ever known.

The loss of a starting catcher, brings rookie Rube Baker, played by Eric Bruskotter, off the bench. Baker's down home, good ol' boy naivete provides a springboard for the rest of

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team. His true love of the game and determination help to push the rest of the team.

But the Tribe needs more than some youthful enthusiasm.

All of the trades lead to an eventual buy back bringing back actress Margaret Whitton as their apathetic owner, Rachel Phelps. Phelps does her best to hold the club down. Her best, generally, does not require great effort as the team is on a messy losing streak.

Taylor then has to take the coach's seat in the dugout and hopefully lift the team out of its losing streak.

Quite unlike its predecessor, "Major League II" spends little time following "Wild Thing" with too much depth. Perhaps that was what pushed this movie over the top.

Perhaps the best performer of low class human trash in the film industry helps a little bit. Randy Quaid may have been type cast in the role of a fair weather Cleveland fan, but with impressive performances in similar roles in "Moving" with Richard Pryor and National Lampoon's "Vacation" trilogy it is so understandable. His character, though small, has the most intensely humorous lines. Most of these lines are directed at offending Sheen's character, who is in the deepest baseball low of his life.

We're talking about a man who's been in the slammer, so you know he's really low, nearly six feet deep.

The movie does an impressive job with few errors and an amazing starting line up. It's shot well, which is quite an accomplishment for a baseball film and filled with sharp dialogue.

The writing is tight and leaves little room for the asking in the way simple laughs.

To quote catcher Rube Baker, "If it's not over, the fat lady can't sing."

# Mutha's Day Out Makes Great Escape

It is eery, and also a bit sad, when generalized stereotypes prove correct.

For example: Deep in the heart of America's Bible Belt lies the sheltered town of Batesville, Ark. This wretched little hamlet of 9,000 hillbillys seems to be ripped right from the pages of the *Footloose* movie plot: no MTV, no radio stations other than gospel and country, 1 a.m. curfews and definitely no rock and roll (might lead to dancing, or worse, a little fun). These laws are strictly enforced by the local and grossly redneck version of the Papacy; a group of iron-fisted religious leaders and belt buckled law enforcement officials who have banned all forms of expression above the twang of a banjo or crash of a church organ.

Enter *Mutha's Day Out*.

This band of rap and rock juveniles, faced with such insurmountable odds, comes together in hopes of getting out via the gold strewn rock and roll superhighway.

And guess what?

They do, the lucky wankers, in what turns out to be a fairy tale journey which also could be ripped directly from the pages of the cinematic dreamscape. Six months after their



*Mutha's Day Out received a major label contract after its first show.*

## MUSIC

review by ted grau

inception, *Mutha's Day Out* leaves mommy behind and cruise to Memphis, Tenn., in search of a studio accommodating enough to record a demo for them with their combined fortune of \$200. A producer cut them a deal, loved their sound so much he didn't charge them a dime, and secured the band a spot in a local new music festival the same week. During their set, their first live show ever, an A&R rep from Chrysalis/ERG, who was there to see another band, was blown away by *Mutha's* explosive live set, where rapcore energy and metallic riffing combust in an angry statement of suppression, and signed them on the spot.

Breath.

To recap: Small town, big town, first show, major label contract, all after only six months. Amazing grace indeed.

In a recent radio interview, *Mutha's Day Out* claimed, proudly, that their major influences are Metallica and Skid Row. Knowing that the only albums the kids (average age of the band members is 17) could come into contact with were ones they could scrounge from far away record stores, this is not surprising and not all bad.

Powerful vocals, manic rap, and thick guitar work punch through the 12 songs of their debut CD *My Soul is Wet*. Their strong sound belies their young age, but still has room for growth as most of the songs follow the same formula of "start low, end up screaming."

But what do you expect from a band of Arkansas boys who had to forge their own rock and roll path through the rigid terrain of religious and close-minded southern oppression?

Album opener "Locked" is all over rock radio. It is a fairly uniform representation of the *Mutha's Day Out* sound which will greatly please the hat backward, hardcore rap and hardcore metal, cruising-with-their-subwoofers blaring jeep heads with its heavy guitar and angry white raps. Yet, this band is more than that. Vocal range seems limitless, replete with hushed tones and vibrato, and the guitar work can also border on funky at times. The title track screams "You keep me down," contrasting thudding guitar percus-

sions with flailing vocals, finally ending with a sound bite of a typical southern sermon scarier than any of the venom spit by the band itself.

Further explanation of their sound would be redundant. While their presentation is extremely mature, *Mutha's Day Out* shows its inexperience by wearing its message thin.

There is only so much metal rap the ears can take before you suffer complete, pissed-off implosion.

But happily, *Mutha's Day Out* found its fairy tale amid a hellish setting I thought was only the stuff of movie and lore. For that, I'll buy these guys a Miller.

When they turn 21.

# Queen Sarah Saturday Is Surprising

When Queen Sarah Saturday first turned up, images of whiney English lads moaning to the heavens with tales of bad weather and bad relationships were instantly conjured. Upon finally breeching the actual contents of the pensively titled band, I was pleasantly surprised and actually relieved to find that my first impression was groundless.

Their debut CD *Weave* is a delightful 12-song offering of guitar power pop; an urgent message of mellow neo-punk. Sometimes introspective and subdued, sometimes bristling with positive anger, Queen Sarah Saturday delights the listener with interesting lyrics and medium rare music. Their buzzing guitar foundation is vaulted skyward with hints of modern

## MUSIC

review by ted grau

psychedelia and enveloping moods, creating a musical playground worthy of any queen's weekend.

Self described as "four humble youngsters from Durham, N.C.," Queen Sarah Saturday counts *Weave* as its first full length release. After a freshman 7" on their self-run Sleestack Records, a follow up single with current label Thirsty Ear and an ensuing EP, *Weave* finally allows the quartet to flex its collective musical muscles in 12 well-crafted and diverse songs.

Drawing upon elements of such bands as vintage Cheap Trick, Gish era Smashing Pumpkins, and more than a dash of Jane's Addiction, Queen Sarah weaves such obvious influences into layers of sound and various moods. If these guys turned their amps up from 6 to 9, they could be a hefty contender in the lucrative realm of 90s heavy punk. But for now, they must remain a really good guitar-pop band.

Life must be tough.

"Lift," the formidable album opener,



Queen Sarah Saturday has recently released its first CD, *Weave*.

greets hasty listeners with tough guitar and heavy vocals, setting the stage grandly for the sparks to come. "Seems" is an upbeat song with catchy harmonies, reflecting a Me Generation upbringing in the lyrical chorus, "Seems I can't get enough of me." A bizarre, if not truthful splash of reality in the politically correct, love-the-world decade in which we now reside.

"Dreamer," a possible summation of Queen Sarah's intended vibe, is a subtly powerful, quietly introspective journey through the recesses of loneliness, wandering peacefully on until it suddenly breaks free of its seclusion to pound the song to a close. A perfect example of the duality of this far reaching band.

Queen Sarah Saturday can be called many things, from a cousin of guitar poppers School of Fish, to an edgier Posies, to the epitome of the self styled '90s rock band. One thing I can say for sure is that if any of the previously mentioned bands tweak your fancy, get tweaked with the tightly woven *Weave*.

For Queen Sarah Saturday, it's always a dreamy weekend afternoon. And remember, if the comparisons made steer you away in the name of originality, remember the words of a long dead writer, "A good writer borrows, a bad writer steals."

Queen Sarah Saturday is a good band, so you figure it out.

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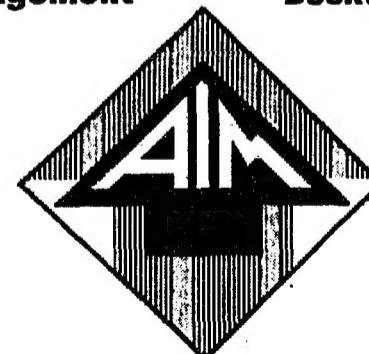
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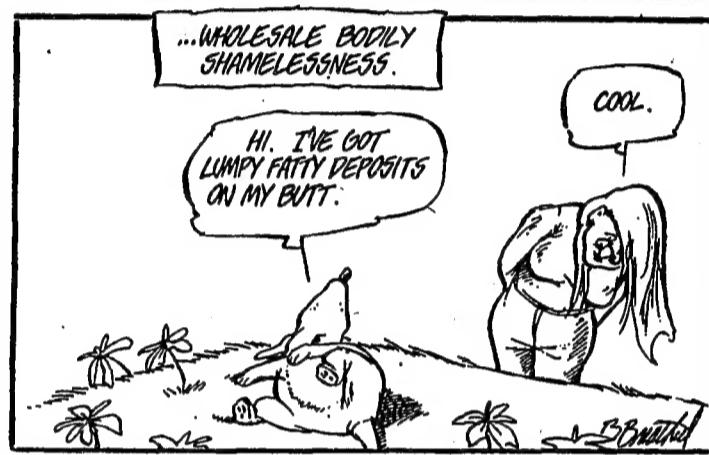
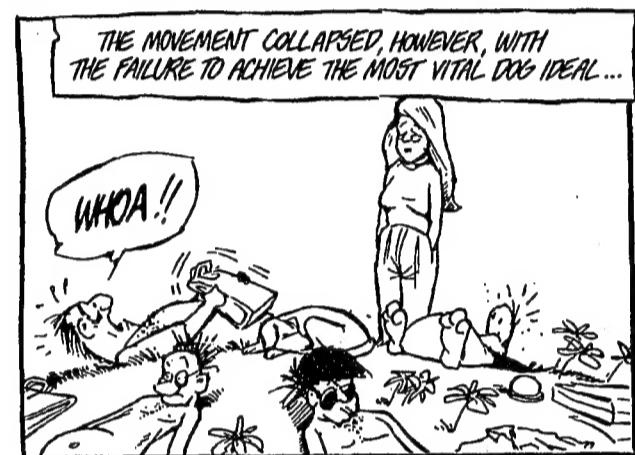
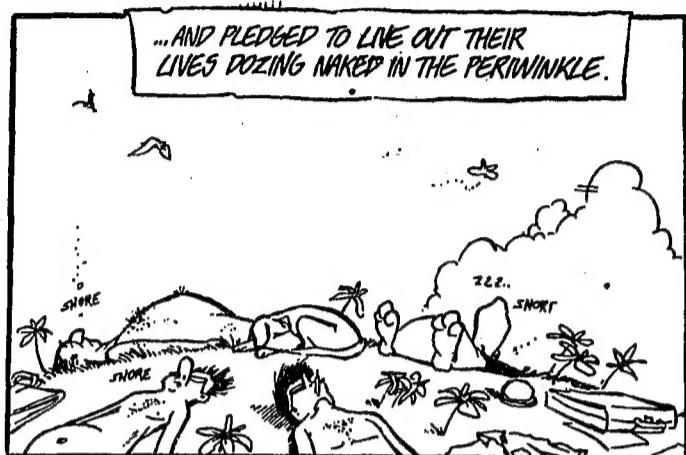
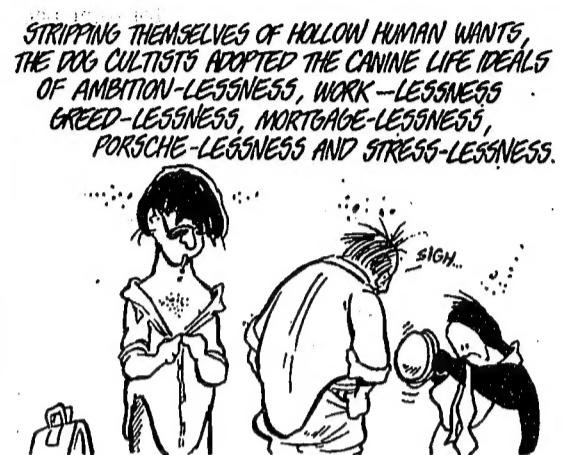
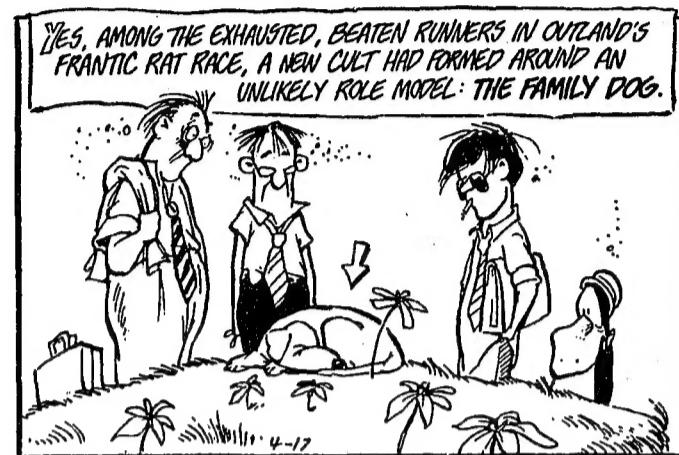
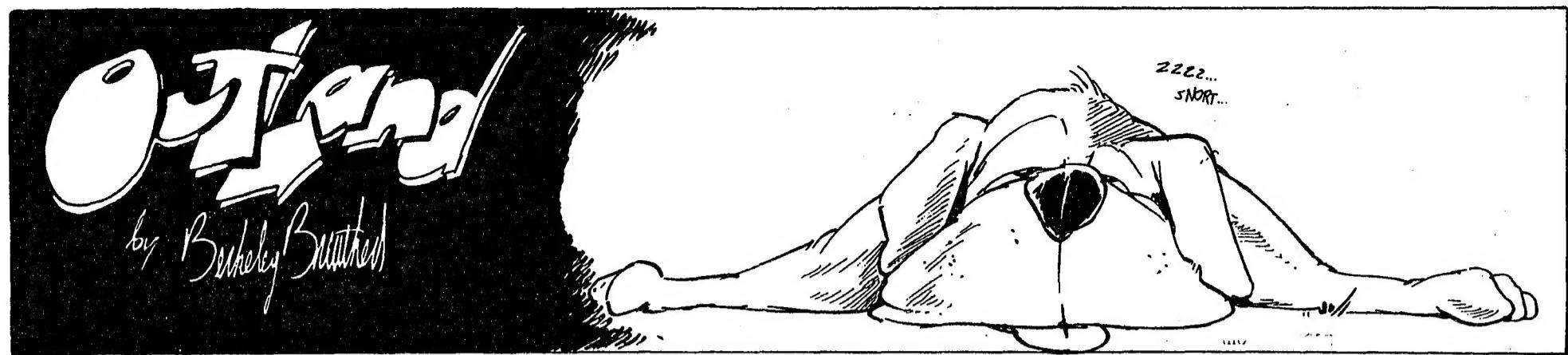
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**FROM FARRAKHAN, PAGE 2**

that's what the KKK wants."

While Schwartz and others may view Farrakhan's speeches as radical now, his tendencies have shown signs of moderation in recent years.

At a press conference in February, Farrakhan claimed, "I'm not now, nor have I ever been anti-Semitic."

Schwartz thinks the best weapon against Farrakhan's alleged bigotry is to publicize it.

"Some people argue that if you publicize these kinds of people it only helps their cause. I disagree with that."

"We should always be concerned. If you don't respond, people think what they're saying is true. I think the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) does a great job with keeping people informed."

Garrison feels, "People who want to get some clarity on this issue have to step back from what the ADL is saying and step away from what Farrakhan is saying."

"Then they need to read the information from the ADL and read the information from Farrakhan himself, unabridged and unedited."

"They need to exercise independence of thought."

# Kindness Day at UNO

BY BECKY BOHAN

You may have thought people were acting especially nice to you on campus Thursday.

UNO Honor Society Pi Gamma Mu sponsored "Random Acts of Kindness Day" on March 31.

"What we are doing? We are just inviting everybody to keep in mind, at least for a day, an act of kindness," said Orville Menard, a political science professor and sponsor of Pi Gamma Mu.

Pi Gamma Mu is UNO's chapter of the International Honor Society in social science.

"Pi Gamma Mu is interdisciplinary," Menard said. "It is not just political science anymore."

Members include those with a social science background and 20 semester hours in one of the five core areas: history, political science, economics, sociology/anthropology and international relations.

Each chapter, under the direction of faculty sponsors, plans its own programs and specific areas of service.

"The inspiration of it ("Random Acts of Kindness Day") was not ours, we did not think of it," Menard said. He first became aware of the practice of random acts of kindness when he saw a short article devoted to the topic in Time magazine.

"It is kind of unfortunate that we have to suggest to people that they might think about being kind," he said.

Menard emphasized the general idea behind the practice of Random Acts of Kindness.

He said, "It's more than an underground slogan; for some people, it's a way of life."

The idea is starting to spread, he said.

According to Sara Giles, student president of Pi Gamma Mu, other universities already have begun participating in "Random Acts of Kindness."

Any "Act of Kindness" would be on March 31, she said.

Some examples she recommended included opening a door for someone, plugging someone's parking meter or even giving up a parking space.

"We just wanted to get people thinking about helping out others here at UNO," Giles said.

**FROM SPEECH, PAGE 4**

(MECCA) is a "cool program."

She said there are no public school speech and language services offered during the summer and MECCA "fills the gap." MECCA is offered before school starts for children with communication difficulties.

In response to American 2000, the clinic is focusing on preparing children for school. Brown said any problem areas in communication could be evaluated and therapy begun before children start school.

"Children are better prepared and school is less difficult," Brown said.

Brown added that UNO's Speech Language and Pathology program also offers parent training. It is important for parents to be involved with the learning and therapy techniques, she said. Brown said UNO's Speech, Language and Pathology program is a tough program.

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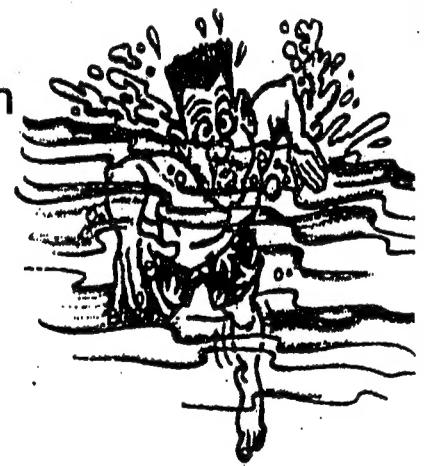


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# Hendricks Set for Outdoor Season

By DAVE BORYCA

Coach Tim Hendricks hopes to continue his success in the 1994 indoor track season into the outdoor season, which starts Saturday in the Bearcat Invitational Meet at Northwest Missouri State in Maryville, Mo.

"I think we're going to do pretty well," Hendricks said. "With a few exceptions, everyone's healthy."

Hendricks predicted last year's third place finish at last year's Bearcat Invitational will be similar to Saturday's finish for the Lady Mavs.

"We got third out of 15 to 16 teams last year," Hendricks said. "We're a little stronger this year, but there will be more quality teams down there so we'll probably get third again."

Hendricks said UNO still has primarily the same athletes as the indoor season's with a few exceptions.

"We have a shot putter who really wasn't ready during the indoor season," Hendricks said of Lady Mav April Morris. "She's been training, so she'll be competing for the outdoor time. No doubt, she'll get better as the season goes on."

Hendricks was confident on his team making the adjustment from indoor competition to outdoor work.

"It's a little different adjusting from the smaller indoor track to the bigger outdoor one," Hendricks said. "It's a whole different sensation with the rate you pass objects when things are a little more wide open."

Hendricks hopes the problems with transition will be taken care of with a little time and practice on the outside.

"We've been working outdoors, mostly during the spring break," Hendricks said. "Usually we do our warm up work inside, then we go outside for the heavy stuff."

According to Hendricks, last year's events at the Bearcat Invitational ran a little slow due to inclement weather.

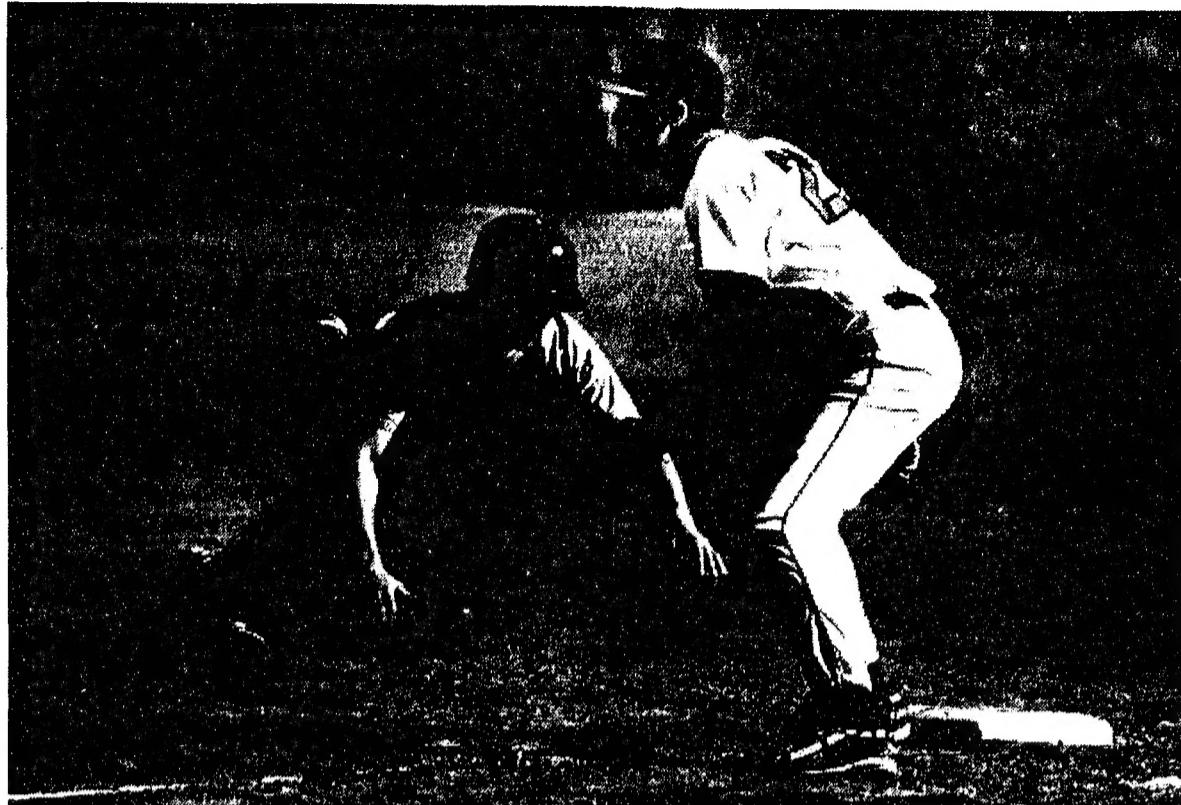
"The girls would stay inside and then come out to run their events," Hendricks said. "There's going to be some relatively good marks this year compared to last year when it was on a miserable day."

Hendricks rated the Bearcat Invitational as more of an "in-between" meet.

"It's not really a hard meet, but it isn't a particularly easy one," Hendricks said. "It's a good meet for us to start out with."

Doane College was last year's winner of the Invitational. Hendricks said that hopefully Doane won't strong-arm the events like they have done previously.

"We got some good kids in every event," Hendricks said. "We're not going to dominate every event, but Doane will not be as dominant as they were in the past, either. There will be some good teams there."



—File Photo

Maverick first baseman Tim Hallett looks to make the out in earlier action this season.

## Gates: Mavs Reaching Goals

By DAVE BORYCA

the Mavericks after relieving junior pitcher Ethan Anderson.

"The defense was a little shaky at the beginning of the game," Gates said. "But there was some good pitching there."

Offensively, Gates said no one person had an exceptional hitting game for the Mavs.

"Dave (Vallinch) had two RBIs and Greg (Geary) hit two in," Gates said. "We had the bunt when we needed it and the sacrifice when we needed it. There were no big plays. It was basically a team effort."

Next up for UNO will be a doubleheader Friday against Wayne State. According to Gates, Wayne State is not a team to take lightly.

"We played Wayne already this year," Gates said. "We split with them. They're a pretty good team, about as good as Peru."

Gates said the game against Wayne won't be as disparate as the Peru game due to the pitching lineup for Friday.

"We won't have our two aces going in Friday," Gates said, referring to Vallinch and Anderson. "We managed to keep Peru down. We might not be able to do that against Wayne."

Troy Charf, Steve Carr, Chris Irfield and Jeff Van Every will be the probable pitchers for Saturday's contest. Gates hopes to find his best pitchers before conference play begins April 8 against South Dakota State.

Currently 12-6 this season, the Mavs will have two more games Saturday at home against York. The busy schedule will continue with twin-bills at York and Nebraska-Kearney next Monday and Tuesday.

## Two Mav Athletes Receive Player of the Week Honors

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Softball all-American Deb Baetsle and baseball pitcher Ethan Anderson earned North Central Conference player and pitcher of the week honors Monday.

Baetsle, a senior first baseman from Keota, Ia., batted .548 with four homers and 13 RBIs for last week's games. She now is hitting .486 on the season with four homers and 18 RBIs.

Baetsle attributed the honor more to the team than thinking of it as a personal achievement.

"It was a good thing that showed the team had a great time in Florida," Baetsle said. "We hoped it would go like that."

The Lady Mavs suffered their only loss on the trip to No. 4 ranked Bloomsburg 4-3, in eight innings. The loss snapped a 15-game winning streak.

Baetsle said the trip in Florida showed good things to come for the

### Lady Mavs.

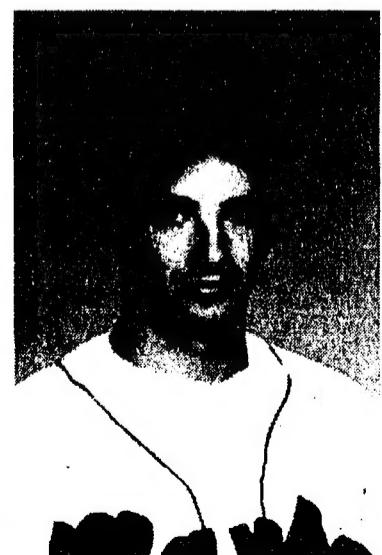
"I think we're going to win a lot of ball games," Baetsle said. "We still have a long way to go, but we have accomplished a lot."

Anderson, a junior righthander



Deb Baetsle

from Elkhorn, pitched two complete game victories, beating Minnesota-Morris 9-1 and Cameron, 9-5. He struck out 11 and walked just one in 13 innings of work. He is now 3-1 with a 3.00 ERA on the season.



Ethan Anderson

## Women's Athletics to Hold Briefcase Relay

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Omaha businesswomen will take up their briefcases to help raise money for the UNO women's athletic department.

UNO will host the Diet Pepsi Briefcase Relay on Tuesday. The race will begin at 4:50 p.m. in Memorial Park and finish at the UNO Fieldhouse. In the event of inclement weather, the entire event will be held in the UNO Fieldhouse.

Each of the participating businesses is represented by a team of three women who race in relay fashion with a briefcase in hand. Participants must walk at all times.

The businesses sponsoring teams in the relay include: Pepsi-Cola, First National Bank of Omaha, Guarantee Mutual, NP Dodge, Northern Bank, Union Pacific Railroad, Enron, Woodmen of the World, Con Agra, FirsTier, ACI, Cox Cable Omaha, Maenner Relocation, Sheraton Inn, ITI Marketing Services, Inc., Norwest Bank, AT&T, Arthur Anderson & Co., Peter Kiewit, Physicians Mutual and the Sports Medicine Center.

The Diet Pepsi Briefcase Relay precedes the much larger Diet Pepsi Women's Walk on April 16 at 10 a.m. This is the primary fundraiser for the women's athletic department.

The walk, now in its ninth year, raises money for scholarships and team travel for UNO's female student-athletes. A total of more than \$500,000 has been raised for the Lady Mavs over the past nine years.

# Mascots: What's Their Real Purpose?

COLUMN BY DAVE BORYCA

Grown up people who run around in bizarre outfits, livestock plucked from the farm every weekend or sometimes even wild jungle beasts who are sent back to some nameless dark hole once their done putting in their time of snarling, hissing and yawning.

Mascots.

What purpose do they serve? Is it some sort icon-worship? Is Moses going to come down and smite us one day when everyone's commanding the antics of UNO's own Dorango Maverick? Symbols can be hard to understand sometimes.

Maybe my lack of understanding stems from the simple fact that I came from a school which lacked an easily identifiable mascot. Shamrocks just aren't well known for their unique behavior. They just kind of sit in a field

a look green.

I suppose the pep club or whatever it was in those days could have had some sort of lottery and amputated one of the winner's legs. This no doubt puzzled being could have hopped around on the sidelines with arms spread after being rolled around on a mown lawn in a white bodysuit with puffy sleeves.

Where does there popularity stem from? Recently, 2,558 fans of the Omaha Royals all pooled their knowledge to pick the new name for the new Royals' lion mascot.

What could it be? With 2,558 entries to pool from, Royals' officials no doubt received some sort of mind-bending, life-affirming name of pure wholesome goodness to represent their team.

The name was "Casey."

That's a tough one to call. Good or Bad? Bad seems to be a better choice considering the name is based on an egotistical and narcissistic loser of American folklore.

What are those fan's trying to say? Maybe they pooled those votes to send a desperate plea to Royals administration to try and be a softer and more understanding team in touch with their inner child by using the name as some sort of indirect intervention.

Then again, maybe it was the box season tickets being offered for the winners. "Casey" is as good a name as any other.

Even more recently, the chicken mascot (mascot chicken?) of the Omaha Lancers hit the plastic walls of the rink so hard, he caused one of the protective frames to pop off its track. The faux pas caused a whopping 10 minute delay in the game that almost cost the newly dubbed "idiot chicken" his volunteer job.

Is this the sort of picture we want to present to our kids? Some sort of overlarge egg-laying bird starting from half-ice to kamikaze a plexiglass pane at ramming speed? Some-

thing like that is the choice of the parents, I'd suppose.

For some reason we put these people in a identity-concealing costume which usually enlarges certain body parts to freakish proportions. We then allow these people free run of the field and then let them grab children from the audience to parade around. After the general exposition, the child is forced into some physical activity which comes down to success or failure in front of thousands of spectators.

Some people would argue that a mascot isn't really a symbol at all. They might say that it's simply a creature used to help fire up the crowd and give people a little extra spirit for their team.

Tell me that later when the Colorado Buffalo doesn't get enough downers before the game and goes on a rampage, goring about 100 people.

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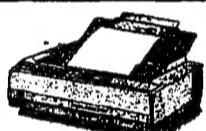
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